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Dear Sirs:

The 1992 Lookback produced negligible results. Senior citizens have all the medical worries they can handle. They do not comprehend being told they cannot be cured. When they convey their fears, I can assure that moment in their lives can only be described as cruel.

The Lookback proposals need to be evaluated weighing the benefits to the patient. The 1990 Lookback is not justified.

To end this communication on a positive note, may I suggest the FDA consider patients that visit a hospital or a physician's office revealing a blood transfusion in their past be tested for Hepatitis C? Why not consider an HCV test when a consumer goes to their physician for an annual physical?

There has to be a better and more sensitive way to address this issue. Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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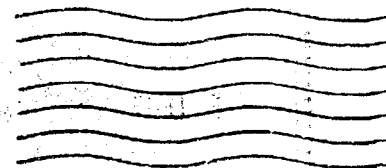
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